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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Akutan Harbor Access Road in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Akutan on the island of Akutan. The City of Akutan, the recipient and project manager, is located at 100 Windy Way, Akutan, AK 99553.

The funding is designated to construct an all-season, two-mile, gravel road to accommodate use by four-wheeler all-terrain vehicles, or four-wheel drive vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the city and residents of Akutan. The Akutan Harbor Access Road would provide local economic benefits, linking fishing vessel crews to the village of Akutan and the local fish processing plant. The road will provide the only land-based access between the community and boat harbor, and drive jobs and vital economic development to the community, while providing improved safety for harbor users and residents. Currently, without the road there is no access from the harbor to lodging, grocery, healthcare, and other services other than by small watercraft.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

April 21, 2021